

Fresh Products Branch Directive

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MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS FOR DIGITAL THERMOMETERS

I. PURPOSE

This directive provides minimum specifications for digital thermometers. All digital thermometers used for official fresh product inspections must meet these minimum specifications.

II. MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS

Range: 0° to 120°F
Accuracy: ±2°F (within the 0° to 120°F range)
Resolution: 1°F

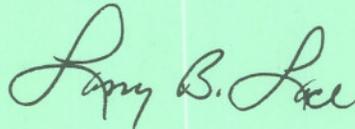
III. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Inspectors or inspection offices may purchase and use officially any digital thermometer that meets these minimum specifications. Anything such as brochures or packing materials, which shows the specifications for a purchased thermometer, should be saved in case a question arises as to whether the thermometer meets these minimum specifications.

THERMOMETERS FAILING TO MEET THESE MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS SHALL NOT BE USED FOR OFFICIAL FRESH PRODUCTS INSPECTIONS.

Approved digital thermometers may be purchased from the Fresh Products Branch Supply Depot in Sacramento, California, for all Federal and Federal-State Inspectors as needed. Digital thermometers purchased from other sources, unless authorized by Headquarters, are not reimbursable.

REMINDER: All digital thermometers used for official fresh product inspections shall be checked for accuracy against a glass thermometer at least twice weekly.



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